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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 76-96

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
WELFARE FISCAL SUPERVISORS
COUNTY AUDITORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICERS

OBSOLETE

SUBJECT: SSI/SSP FUNDING

REFERENCE:

Superseded by ACL 77-15

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This is to apprise counties of the current status of the welfare department funding issue for county Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Program (SSI/SSP) activities relative to responding to Social Security Administration District Office (SSA DO) inquiries and Out-of-Home Care certification for Fiscal Year 1975-76 and the interim quarter of July-September 1976.

SSA District Office Inquiries

As you know, SSA has refused to grant funding to California for the above activities on the basis that counties were responding to all district office inquiries. Although this is consistent with ACL 75-148 and was agreed to by SSA in June of 1974, SSA's contention is that the agreement was misconstrued by California and that SSA reimbursement is limited to only responding to written inquiries relative to the following seven activities:

1. Verification of AFDC income for deeming - SSA may request counties to verify the amount of the AFDC grant and the amount of family income considered in determining the grant.
2. Verification of AFDC income as assistance based on need - SSA may ask a county to determine the SSI/SSP eligible's share of the AFDC grant.
3. Verification of foster care payments as income to the SSI recipient - When evidence of receipt of foster care payments is present, counties may be asked to provide certain information related to the foster care payment.
4. Determination of access to resources when county is trustee for the recipient - SSA will request the county to provide information regarding the accessibility of resources to the recipient in cases where the county is acting as trustee for the recipient.

5. Processing state deletes in connection with redetermination - During the conversion process it was found that certain cases were ineligible for a grant in December 1973. These cases were processed as state deletes (i.e. ineligible for conversion). If, during a redetermination, a state delete is discovered by SSA, the county may be contacted for more information regarding the deletion.
6. Obtaining acceptable nonmedical, nonlegal evidence regarding incapability of recipient from the state/county as a social agency to determine necessity for a representative payee - In cases where it is deemed necessary, SSA will use the county as a source of information to aid in its determination of the necessity of a representative payee.
7. Rollback - At SSA's request counties will verify whether a recipient was eligible for Aid to the Disabled (ATD) prior to July 1973. (This project was for the most part completed during 1974.)

The state will continue its efforts to seek full reimbursement for FY 1975-76 for county responses to all DO written inquiries as provided for in ACL 75-148. However, because of the uncertainty of the funding situation for the transitional quarter (July-September 1976), and for the counties' protection, counties are to limit their responses to the DO written inquiries to the seven activities listed above. Moreover, unless the DO written inquiries are clearly identified to one of the seven activities, such inquiries are to be returned to them for identification to one of the seven activities. All written inquiries are to be retained by the counties as support to their claim for reimbursement.

Time of eligibility workers spent on responding to any of these seven activities is to be recorded on Line J1 of the current DFA 43, Eligibility Worker Time Study. Revised DFA 43s are being printed and will be sent to the counties in July. On these forms the appropriate SSI/SSP line is H1.

These limitations to reimbursable subjects do not preclude the counties from establishing mutual arrangements with local SSA offices for responding to inquiries on other subjects or supplying further data as requested. However, there will be no reimbursement from SSA for any activities other than those listed in items 1-7 above. Any additional county welfare department activities will be funded 100 percent by the county. Time spent performing these additional functions is to be recorded under Other County Only Programs (OCOP).

Out-of-Home Care Certification

Although the state has received verbal assurance from SSA that funding will be available for Out-of-Home Care (OHC) certification, it is doubtful as to whether SSA will provide the total funding requirement for the counties. Until this issue is resolved with SSA, the amount to be received from them may be insufficient to cover the counties' entire OHC certification cost. Nevertheless, the state will press for full reimbursement for FY 1975-76 and the interim quarter of July-September 1976. Therefore, counties should continue to perform and claim the OHC certification in accordance with ACL 76-48 (March 12, 1976).

If there are any questions, please contact Laura Williams or Ernie Van Sant at 916/445-7046.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Adams", written in dark ink.

GARY G. ADAMS
Deputy Director

cc: CWDA